portation of coal from Talcher Coalfield by rail-cum-sea route through Paradeep Port as the most economical alternative. Until arrangements for movement of coal by rail-cum-sea route are finalised, coal would be moved from the Talcher Coalfields to the North Madras Station by all rail route.

The TNEB have earmarked two areas for inland ash disposal, one measuring 70 hectares adjacent to the site of the thermal power station and the other measuring 430 hectares located further South of the power plant. It is proposed by the Board to build suitable ash dyke/bund for retaining ash.

Forum for the Grievances of Public Sector Officers

*477. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is no forum for the redressal of grievances of public sector officers;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to create such a forum;

(c) whether Government propose to extend the jurisdiction of the Central Administrative Tribunal for the officers of the public sector undertakings; and

(d) if so, what are the details there of ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b). A model scheme for grievance redressal procedure for staff and officers of the PSUs has already been evolved by the Government for adoption by PSUs with or without modification as appropriate to the enterprises concerned. The scheme also provides for setting up of the grievance redressal committee at unit/regional level. Most of the PSUs are having adequate mechanism for the redressal of grievances of their officers and staff.

(c) and (d) A provision has been made in the Administrative Tribunal Act, 1985 to bring PSU's/Corporations/Societies under the Central Government, within the purview of the Central Administrative Tribunal by issue of a notification under Section 14(2) of the Administrative Tribunal Act. The issue of such notification covering PSUs may be considered by Government as and when the Tribunal is fully equipped to take on the extra work load.

Investments in Public Sector Units

*478. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any fresh investments in the public sector units ;

(b) if so, the total investments made so far during 1987-88;

(c) whether Government are taking steps to ensure that all fresh investments in the public sector do not go to the loss incurring enterprises; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. Investments in Central Public Sector Undertakings is a continuous process.

(b) The figures for 1987-88 are not yet available as the audited accounts of public Sector Undertakings will be available only by the end of September, 1988.

(c) and (d) Investments decision in Public Sector Undertakings are taken on techno-economic considerations keeping in view the need for balanced regional development. Investments in loss making enterprises cannot be ruled out.

Equipment Procurement by a Foreign Party for Farakka Thermal Power Station

*479. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an order for 500 MW power generation equipment for Farakka Thermal Power Station has been procured by some foreign party; if so, the total value of the order in crores of rupees along with the scope of the equipment, names of the foreign contractors, names and addresses of the Indian or foreign agents, foreign exchange component, quantum and terms and conditions of any foreign aid received for this project and its source;

(b) whether BHEL has the capability to supply the above equipment; if so, what are the reasons for rejecting BHEL's claim/offer along with the foreign exchange component in BHEL's quotation; and

(c) what are the reasons for not inviting global tenders alongwith inbuilt financial packages as has been done for HBJ gas pipeline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) : (a) The desired information regarding Power generation equipment procured from foreign contractors for Farraka Super Thermal Power Station Stage-II is given below:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Equipment	Foreign Contractor	Value of the order in Rs. crores	Foreign Exchange component	Name and address of the Indian or foreign agents
1	2	3	4	5	6
(i)	Steam Generator and Electrostatic Precipitator Package	M/s Ansaldo Componenti SpA of Italy	210 57	DM 255.147 millions plus US $ 26.795 millions	No agent was declared by the contractor